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It may look like a horrific accident and that's what it's meant to simulate. Volunteer firefighters from the county's forces came together at the Stanhope Fire hall on Sept. 9 to train in rescue techniques required for road traffic accidents. The volunteer forces got to practice handling the Jaws of Life to cut escape exits from the school bus as part of an ongoing training schedule that sees each force host a different aspect of firefighting.

Foundation has successful year

By Lisa Harrison

The fundraising arm of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is very healthy following another year of heavy lifting in and by the community.

Donations more than doubled and revenue reached \$582,181 versus \$370,840 in 2011, auditor John West of McColl Turner LLP reported at the HHHS Foundation annual general meeting on Sept. 10.

After consideration of expenditures of \$210,057, including \$110,368 in wages and benefits, as well as contributions to

HHHS and the \$155,998 balance from 2011, the Foundation's fiscal year closed March 31, 2012 with a balance of \$399,675 and total assets of \$481,900. That more than doubled the 2011 finish of \$209,112.

The assets include \$300,000 for two X-ray machines raised in the foundation's *Seeing is Believing* campaign. Installation of the machines is expected later in the fall.

"Having a good project like the X-ray makes a huge difference in the response of the community," said West.

The foundation also moved \$128,447 from the unrestricted

fund and \$46,030 from the restricted and education fund to HHHS to help with acquisition of other medical equipment.

West said fundraising costs increased slightly in line with the revenue increase, but otherwise most other costs were very much in line with 2011. He noted the report reflected all necessary adjustments, with no skeletons in the closet.

"What you see is what you get," said West. "It's a great position to be in. So it's been a very successful year for the foundation."

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Raising their hands high for this year's highly successful X-ray machine campaign, from left, are Don Popple, campaign co-chair and director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation; Dale Walker, foundation executive director; Foster Loucks, HHHS interim CEO; and Lisa Tompkins, campaign co-chair and foundation Vice Chair.

HHHSF in 'very good financial position'

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The board appointed McColl Turner as auditors for 2013.

Executive Director Dale Walker presented an overview of events and contributions over the fiscal year and the past six months.

"It was in June 2011 that we decided to raise our hands and do the *Seeing is Believing* campaign and started off very well," said Walker. "As John [West] mentioned that's been a great campaign for the public. They can really relate to it and that came through when you see our donations there."

Funds were raised by dozens of businesses, organizations and individuals through annual and new events and contributions, including the Rotary Club (golf classic), banks, insurance and realty companies and foundations, the Royal Canadian Legion and Eastern Star, Todd's Independent, the Ontario Federation of 4WD, artists, Canoe FM and Moose FM, and through the Christmas "*Believe in the Magic of Giving*" campaign.

Funds also came from individuals through the foundation's fall and spring patient letters; special gifts, bequests, life insurance policies and securities; and memorial, tribute and special occasion cards.

More than 1,000 Sebastian bears have been sold and the foundation has ordered more to cover the holiday gift season and the spring until the 2013 bear is revealed.

Walker noted the upcoming Canoe FM/Moose FM radiothon, Sept. 27 and 28, and plans for 2013.

"As everyone knows, the focus is going to be on palliative," said Walker, referring to plans for an additional palliative care room and living room/kitchen at Haliburton Hospital. "We're hopeful that the Ministry [of Health and Long Term Care] will approve. The [Central East] LHIN has approved the project [and] we already have people who are very excited about it and we're in a very good financial position for the start of that."

Walker said the launch would take place in spring 2013.

"I think the community and the people of our county can really take pride and have confidence in the organization," said Loucks.

The board approved a partial new slate of directors in preparation for a directors meeting following the AGM to discuss the need for new board members.

Foundation vice-chair Lisa Tompkins invited comments from the gallery as the meeting closed. Cathy Outram, HHHS chief financial officer, attended and thanked the board.

"We wouldn't be in as good shape as we are without the help of the foundation and the auxiliaries," said Outram. "With all you contribute in equipment and support to us, that makes our job a lot easier. So it's a team effort and I'm very proud of what you've accomplished over the years."

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Emily Gurr creates a colour chart in a painting and drawing class at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

Haliburton campus on track

By Mark Arike

Elementary and high school students weren't the only ones who hit the books last week. On Monday, Sept. 3 a new semester began for Fleming College students studying at the Haliburton campus.

"The first week of school was great," said Sandra Dupret, dean and principal at the Haliburton campus. "It looks like a good year, there's an excited group of students."

Dupret said this semester seems to have one of the largest returning groups of students that the college has seen.

"We have a large Visual and Creative Arts Diploma (VCAD) group... now they've come back to take certificate programs."

Enrolment is currently sitting at 74, which is slightly down from last year, however final enrolment numbers aren't calculated until after day 10 of the school year. Despite that, the college is meeting its targets.

"All of our arts programming is coming in at what we based our targets at."

Dupret said the college planned on bringing back the sustainable renovations program this semester, but didn't due to the low number of applications.

In its first year at the college, the program had eight students who undertook a renovations project at the Haliburton museum. That, Dupret said, is not enough, especially when a large-scale project needs to be completed in a short amount of time.

"The workload becomes too much for the students and they don't have enough time to complete the project in 14 weeks."

The 20-week sustainable building design

and construction program, however, had 17 students work on the construction of a creative exchange mart at Abbey Gardens. The students started on the project in April.

Another course that didn't run this semester due to the low number of applications was the ceramics certificate program. The four VCAD students who applied ended up selecting other options to fill their schedule.

A decision to cancel a course is made when there aren't enough applicants to cover the costs of running the program, said Dupret.

"We make that decision three or four months ahead of time so it's fair to the students."

New programs currently in the works include an intensive studio practice for visual artists and something that will heavily focus on design.

"Right now we have visual arts and crafts, but there's a gap in the design area," said Dupret.

The college has hired a curriculum consultant out of Toronto to develop a diploma program that will add a different element of design into the mix.

To assist students, the college has a number of scholarships and bursaries. Last year over \$20,000 was given away.

"The community is so supportive," said Dupret, referring to fundraisers such as the annual faculty art auction, which this year brought in \$18,000.

"We've been very fortunate in that we're able to distribute that money every year, and it comes back into the college and really helps the students."

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Editorial opinion

Better ways to spend my time

My partner and I just bought a puppy.

She's a cute little thing; very energetic, but still not sure how to live in a regular home.

The training is going relatively well, but as you can imagine, it takes a long time to teach a puppy she can't use the indoors for her outdoors business.

The other night I cleaned up several messes in the house, which got to be time consuming after scrubbing the carpets. I spent an additional two hours, at least, throughout the night, outside with the puppy, trying to get her to use the outdoor facilities for a change.

That's two hours of my life watching a puppy's backside, hoping for something to happen that shouldn't excite me as much as it does.

As for my girlfriend, she spends more time with our newest family member than I do.

So I got to thinking, while watching the dog finally relieve herself, that there's got to be something better we could have been doing with our time.

And then it dawned on me.

There are people in this county who forego these indulgences and instead devote their time to others. Rather than spending their time with puppies, friends or family, or working at a hobby or pastime, these individuals help others in myriad ways, every day.

I'm talking about our volunteers.

This weekend is the Volunteer Fair, put on by SIRCH, CanoeFM and Community Care Haliburton.

The fair is an opportunity for organizations to reach out in the

community and try to recruit help. Despite the vast number of volunteers out there, Haliburton needs more.

The fair is also for people who want to start volunteering but don't know where to begin. It gives them the chance to meet with volunteers and organizations in hopes of finding something that suits them.

Haliburton is a place that runs on these volunteers. There are so many groups and organizations out there that depend on volunteers to provide the services so many rely on.

CanoeFM, for example, would be nowhere without its volunteer broadcasters, organizers and administrators. SIRCH's meal delivery program would be hard pressed to get food out to those who depend on it without volunteer drivers.

Just look at how much money the HHHS Foundation raised last year for the hospital. None of that would have been possible without volunteers.

But it's not easy to devote your time to a cause you don't really connect with. If you've never had a loved one in palliative care, it may be difficult to engage with that kind of volunteer program.

That's why the Volunteer Fair is such an important event in the county. It ensures that people get into it with eyes open, for a cause they are passionate about.

So tonight, as I spend those quality hours with my new puppy, I'll be thinking of other ways I could spend my time.

Maybe I'll see you at the fair.



By Matthew Desrosiers

In the sick of it

What's the most important thing I learned in school? How to type at 80 words per minute. That was thanks to Mrs Leher's grade seven typing class, a half-hour, twice a week: a-space-semi-space-a-space-semi-space she'd drone, walking around the class to check our postures and hand positions, and woe unto anyone who swung the carriage return lever before their bell dinged. We learned on those old mechanical typewriters, the kind that could easily sprain a finger or eat your assignment if you weren't careful. At least they were off-grid.

I've used my typing skills nearly every day since then, including when I write this column. If you enjoy reading it, some of the thanks goes to Mr Pelech, my junior high school English teacher, a man who actually made grammar entertaining.

I can read both sides of a cereal box thanks to the indefatigable efforts of Mlle Leroux and her incessant insistence on learning every declension, and my interest in science is at least partially attributable to the patience of Mr Store, along with Messrs Robertson, Burgess, Blackwood and Jenkins.

All of these teachers, and many others I haven't mentioned, had an important role in preparing me for what I do now. All of them were in the public school system.

To be fair, not all were great — there were certainly a few teachers with something a lot stronger than coffee in their mugs, and there were a couple of pathetic male teachers who took a bit too much interest in the physical development of the girls. Others were just incompetent, but there weren't many of them. Overall, I have very few complaints about my education, gym class excepted.

Was I lucky? Maybe, but I'd venture that most people have had at least one teacher who made a lasting, positive impact.

Which makes it all the more difficult to understand how we got to where we are this week, with the province abandoning contract negotiations to legislate a wage freeze and the public showing either support for the government or indifference. Since when have teachers, and other public servants, become public enemies?

Many will point to the unions. Even the teachers I know aren't particularly enamoured with them, finding unions confrontational and eager to rabble rouse. But unions in themselves are arguably necessary to maintain an equality of bargaining power between big employers and the little guy. If you don't believe that, look at the effect union-busting has had in the United States: lower wages (of course), leading to a devastating decline in living standards for many middle class people.

When the salaries of teachers or assembly line workers are cut, they have less to spend in your store, at your restaurant; the entire economy suffers. The "savings" on wages go to larger profits for shareholders, bigger salaries for CEOs, and lower taxes, all of which have minimal benefits for most working people, who are left to shop at Walmart.

Yet despite the role the labour movement has had in creating a strong middle class, some unions have overreached. They have demanded, and won, benefits that are simply indefensible, chief among them the banking of sick days. In the eyes of Ontarians, most of whom do not enjoy these fringe benefits, the teachers' (or rather their union's) demands look greedy and irrational — there hasn't been a better time in years for government to slap them down, and indeed the province intends to freeze wages across the public sector.

But if the unions are unreasonable, the province, in the person of Premier McGuinty, is ridiculous. "We're all in this together," he says of taming the deficit. Hard to swallow from the man who has presided over a billion wasted on e-health, millions missing at Ornge and the scarfing of thousands of overpaid consultants and agency executives at the public trough. Public servants didn't cause the deficit — politicians did, by lowering taxes on big corporations, undertaking wasteful projects, overestimating growth, and failing to save during good times.

All of this — the teachers, the unions, the legislation — is part of a bigger picture: the breaking of our social contract by the companies and governments that control most of our economy. Between 2000 and 2012, corporate tax rates in Canada fell from 42 to 26 per cent, while the top personal rate went from 47.9 to 46.4. It seems by "all" of us, McGuinty means salaried employees; the middle class.

While the province may just now be getting around to reining in pay and benefits, the private sector has been doing that for years. The trend of reducing benefits — along with lower corporate taxes — was sold to us as a way to be "more competitive" and create jobs. In reality, it's created higher profits, obscene executive compensation schemes and 500 billion dollars sitting in corporate bank accounts, doing nothing. Indeed, what company or entrepreneur hires people just because extra money is available? People are hired when there is demand that needs fulfilment, demand that is stoked, by the way, through decent wages for the middle class. Outlaw collective bargaining and both wages and demand fall in a vicious circle; that's what the global economy is facing right now, and why cutting spending isn't working to lift many countries out of recession.

So it's amusingly rich for the premier to ask public servants (but strangely, not MPPs) to do their part. Yes, some of their benefits are outrageous, but in an era of \$1.4 million salaries and \$16 glasses of orange juice, there's plenty of outrage to go around. It would nice to see the slightest hint that we really are all in this together. Until then, for most of us, our place is with Mrs Leher, banked sick days and all.



By Bram Lebo

Correction

In the caption for 'CARP splashes into the Highlands' (The Highlander, Issue 48, pg. 11), a CARP director was wrongly named as Allen Brown. His name is Allen Burns. The Highlander regrets the error.

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Letters to the Editor

Photo of the week



Photo by Walter Griffin

Shawn Chamberlain enjoys his coffee in Minden's peaceful downtown.
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Filling in the gaps in Carnarvon Esso story

Dear editor,

I would like to make a few comments on the Carnarvon Esso story (*Carnarvon Esso struggles to meet fuel demands*, *The Highlander*, Issue 47, pg. 12).

There were a few issues omitted from your article. All these issues have occurred since Mr. Daliwhail purchased the station.

The store had the local postal service. It is now located in the Castle Building Centre store.

The store has an LCBO franchise (this should be like having a gold mine). The operation of this franchise leaves things to be desired. A lot of times stock is depleted (wine and beer) and may take three to five days to replenish. The LCBO area in the store was too small and poorly located from day one and there was never any effort to expand or enhance the area. By comparison, the agency store in West Guilford has been expanded twice. Mr. Daliwhail was lucky to get his license renewed in April 2012.

The property always had facilities for refilling BBQ propane tanks. This facility is now non-functional. In order to dispense propane, a person must have a personal

license and that person was never available, but the Jug City and Carnarvon Bowl and Castle Building Centre all sell BBQ exchange tanks. Mr. Daliwhail sure missed the boat on this.

If anyone noticed, this Esso station was always two cents to six cents more expensive than the service stations in Minden or Haliburton.

With regards to a second gas station in Carnarvon, up until 1998 there were three gas stations in the area; Petro-Canada (which is now the Esso and still in service), a Sunoco station and repair garage located beside the Mill Pond Restaurant (this closed around 1998), and a Shell station and general store located on Highway 35 near Matabanic Road (closed around 2005).

Both the Sunoco and Shell were small family businesses and when the time came, it was time to close up shop.

Who knows? XTR (which supposedly is controlled by Irving Oil of eastern Canada) seems to be trying to get established in "Rural Canada."

Eddie Lehman
Algonquin Highlands

Highspeed internet woes

Dear editor,

Right on, Roger! (see 'A veritable plague of iPads, iPods and iPhones,' *The Highlander*, Issue 48, pg. 5)

We feel your pain also in Minden Hills! Seconds from the Highway 35 corridor, closest to Lindsay, we too are being badly taken by Bell over here in Minden Hills. Take a good look at the map where highspeed

was put in years ago in the county; you are being doubled whammed – by Bell and by the highspeed brought into the county which we are all paying for... but only a few are getting the privilege of highspeed enjoyment. We feel your pain!

Laura Cunliffe
Minden

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The Outsider — The stag hunt

"Wanna go shootin'?" asked a Haliburtonian friend of mine.

"Hunting?" I stammered.

"Shootin'," he said, almost too leisurely.

"Wow. Hunting. Yeh!" I chirped. And so the date was set; he'd pick me up the following day. With that, he roared out of the yard, his truck leaving a trail of dust as it snaked down the dirt road.

But what would I need? Where were we going? What was our target species? Oh, so many questions, so many uncertainties. My anticipation grew as, the following morning, I packed a hearty lunch, sharpened knives, searched out my orange construction workers' vest, donned my new orange cap and polished the \$250 Irish Setters I'd bought just last week.

I'd only meant to spend \$150 but when Jack at the bait and tackle shop chuckled as I tried on the top-of-the-range boots, I knew something was afoot, quite literally. The result was me slipping the most comfortable boot in the world onto a foot, groaning with pleasure and Jack knowing that he had just made the easiest \$250 sale ever.

So, there I stood on the driveway: boots shining in the sunlight, vest and cap on, boot polish (same shade as my boots) smeared across my cheeks as camouflage, assorted knives hanging from my belt and rucksack containing tent, waterproofs and emergency supplies strapped to my back.

When he pulled into the yard my friend smiled: "Whoa! You're ready then."

"What are we hunting?" I asked excitedly as I clambered into the truck.

With a grin that I sensed had more to it than I was getting, he said: "Oh, it's a special hunt. Rare little critters." And, with a pause for dramatic effect, he whispered: "We're going after the lesser spotted orange backed skeet."

I sat silently, considering his words... lesser, spotted, orange, backed, skeet. Then, I spoke slowly and with reverence: "Whoa! Sounds tricky."

As we drove, my friend became quite animated in his tales of skeet hunts gone by. How they'd tracked the skeet for days only to find them huddled together in of all things, a cardboard box, tucked under the tailgate of the truck. He explained that sometimes they fly alone but every now and again two flush together and speed away in different directions to confuse the novice skeet hunter. He warned never to approach an injured skeet mid-hunt: "better to wait 'til you're sure it's good and dead," he said with a broad smile. He was really looking forward to the day, I could tell.

As we crested the hill there was a line of parked trucks and smoke from the barbeque drifted upwards as a group of fellow hunters played horseshoes. There were one or two orange caps but then again there are always one or two orange caps in Haliburton County, no matter whether you're hunting, shopping, dining, skiing or wandering down the high street. Other attire was less hunt-orientated—sunglasses, t-shirts, baggy shorts and the obligatory flip flops. Hmm. But there

was the armoury.

We must be in the right place.

Neatly laid out on a picnic table was a line of shotguns. More guns than I'd ever seen before, although that does not mean much because the nearest I'd got to a gun before this moment was watching CSI.

"PULL!" A sharp crack and a cheer. "Dobbins, you son-of-a-..., you hit it. Lucky bastard. Baahahahahahaha!"

As I stood up and dusted myself off, that first shot having unnerved me somewhat, I began to realize that my English background and as yet tentative grasp of the idiosyncrasies of the Canadian language (coupled with a friend's slightly cruel Haliburtonian wit) had done me no favours.

"Sooo, skeets," I muttered to him while divesting myself of knife belt, orange vest, rucksack and cap. "We call them clay pigeons in England... Thanks!"

He smiled a slightly guilty smile and mumbled something about not being able to resist it.

The rest of the afternoon went well. I even managed to bag myself a couple of good skeet. But, just as we were about to leave, a big fellow bumped into me. "Jees man, I didn't see you. Must be that skeet face paint you're wearing," he roared with laughter. "Thanks for coming to the stag."

"STAG, where? Give me a gun!" I barked.



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street:

How is the main street construction affecting your business?



Randy Grant

Bernstein's in Haliburton

It is killing it! Not good but what can you do about it? In the long run, when all is said and done, it will be good. A lot better if they put the water lines in as they did this.

Peter Meraw

Minden Pharmasave

Actually the timing works really well for us. There is ample parking out back and the new back door is available and it is beneficial to all. It has affected all the merchants but it is business as usual.



Sandi McElwain

Why Not Collect It

Yesterday was not bad at all. So far today it is dead. I think that yesterday they all came to town to see what is going on. Better days ahead.



Shawn Chamberlain

Dominion Hotel and Grill on the Gull

What business? When they dig a ten foot deep hole at your front door it is kind of a deterrent to foot traffic on the street. But it is short term pain for long term gain.



Shawn Smandych

Ommh Beauty Boutique

It's not. I have to give these guys kudos. They have been helping my clients cross the road, helping them to be safe and even holding doors for them. The workers have been lovely with us with all their help.

Fair calls volunteers to arms

By Matthew Desrosiers

Nothing is worse than an itch you can't scratch.

For many living in the Highlands, that itch is volunteering. Considering the number of organizations in need of support, choosing the right volunteer opportunity can be daunting.

Three years ago, the teams at Canoe FM, Community Care Haliburton County and SIRCH put their heads together and started the Volunteer Fair to tackle that exact problem.

"It's kind of like a trade show," said Brigitte Gebauer, volunteer coordinator for Community Care. "It's an opportunity for organizations to put a booth up. We've invited different non-profit volunteer-based organizations throughout the county."

Gebauer said the fair gives the general public the opportunity to engage these organizations and explore their options to find out what might be of interest to them in terms of volunteering.

"The key is for people who are just thinking about broaching the idea of volunteering, they have one-stop shopping," she said. "Sometimes, it's hard to find what it is that would suit you. This way you can mill around and talk to people. A lot of them are volunteers."

"You want to find something you can really

connect and engage with."

With so many organizations in need of volunteers, the fair plays a crucial role in their recruitment efforts. This year, an invitation was sent out to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students to come by the fair. Many still require their 40 hours of community service, she said.

"Just think of any organization," she said. "The majority of them have volunteers in them that are an essential part of their working structure. [At] Community Care, we couldn't run without our volunteers."

"We've had a great response from the people who've had booths [at the fair]," said Gebauer. "They said they've gotten volunteers."

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities in the county, she said. The fair will host over 20 exhibitors from a variety of backgrounds, including health groups, arts and cultural.

"This whole county runs on volunteers," Gebauer said. "It's an important aspect of living up here, and [we hope we] can inspire people to start volunteering."

To find a volunteering opportunity that suits you, stop by the Haliburton Legion on Sept. 15, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Admission is free.

Doors Open in Highlands

Algonquin Highlands participates in provincial cultural event

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands is rolling out the red carpet to visitors for Doors Open on Sept. 15 and 16.

Doors Open is an annual provincial event occurring over several weekends in various municipalities to highlight local cultural attractions. Algonquin Highlands is the county's northernmost municipality, bordering on Algonquin Park to the northeast.

Painting an A.J. Casson mural, surveying 800 square-kilometers of blossoming fall colour from the Dorset Lookout Tower, hiking to watch water streaming through the Hawk Lake Log Chute – the township has 22 official sites ready for the event.

"I noticed even the Bigwin [steamboat at Dorset] has a new coat of paint on it," said Ward 1 Councillor Gord Henderson at council's Sept. 6 meeting, having toured all the sites. "I'm enthusiastic, we're going to have a great turnout. I encourage everybody to do the tour if they go to any of the sites."

Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle confirmed Group of Seven mural artist Gerry Lantagne will be working on his depiction of Casson's

Oxtongue River on the exterior of Oxtongue Lake Community Centre. Lantagne will even invite visitors to contribute their own stroke of the brush.

Casson's personal letters are on display at Blue Spruce Resort in Oxtongue Lake, where he stayed while painting in the area.

Several historic churches and museums will be open for tours, including Knox United Church and the Dorset Heritage and Lake of Bays Marine museums. Tours have also been arranged at the Dorset and Stanhope fire stations and Haliburton/Stanhope Municipal Airport.

Hikers will enjoy the Canadian Shield geomorphology hike at the Frost Centre south of Dorset, the challenging five-kilometre Beetle Lake Trail hike through forests and along a 30-metre-high ridge by Oxtongue Lake, and the Ragged Falls Oxtongue River Trail – only one kilometre long, but with great views of the spectacular falls.

For more events, times and maps, go to www.algonquinhighlands.ca, click on the Doors Open box and then click on "Doors Open Featured Sites" in the right-hand column, or call or e-mail Angie Bird, chief administrative officer, at 705-489-2379 or abird@algonquinhighlands.ca.



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Highlander news

Community encouraged to continue the fight

By Mark Arike

This past June, the Canadian Cancer Society's sixth annual Relay for Life event in Haliburton reached a \$1 million milestone. But just because that remarkable goal was reached doesn't mean now is the time to take a breather.

"I want to commend and thank the Minden and Haliburton communities, and congratulate them on the milestone of \$1 million raised," said Mary Hobbs, Canadian Cancer Society regional director for Eastern Ontario. "Our researchers are on the cusp of some very exciting discoveries because of the technology at their fingertips. So now is not the time to pull back, but it's the time for people to continue to support us."

This year's 12-hour event raised \$138,000 and saw 39 teams participate. More than 100 volunteers were part of its success.

According to the Relay for Life website, monies raised help the Cancer Society prevent cancer; fund research to outsmart cancer; empower, inform and support Canadians living with cancer; and advocate for public policies to improve the health of Canadians.

"Now is not the time to rest on our oars," said Hobbs. "There's an ongoing need for people's support."

Since the spending practices of charities have come under scrutiny as of late, Hobbs said it is important to look at what the charity has been able to accomplish with the money that has been collected.

"We feel it's important not to just focus on the cost to raise a dollar, but also the impact and how effective the charity is in using the donation to have an impact."

Hobbs said that, generally, 69 cents of every dollar raised by the Cancer Society is invested back into the organization's mission, which is "the eradication of cancer and the enhancement of the quality of life of people living with cancer."

Although Hobbs couldn't provide a breakdown of how one dollar raised at Relay for Life is spent, she said the organization believes in accountability and encourages questions from the public.

"We're very committed to strong management of our finances," she said. "We believe the donor should be informed about where their dollars go. We've received good reviews for our openness and accountability for what we do."

Through all of their fundraising initiatives combined, the organization raised over \$87 million last year. Hobbs said 65 per cent of that went directly to support their mission.

Since the Canadian Cancer Society began funding research in the 1940s, Hobbs said cancer survival rates have increased significantly.

"Cancer survival rates back then were about 25 per cent, and today about 62 per cent of people diagnosed with cancer will survive."



Photo by Mark Arike

Community members march in the 2012 Relay for Life.

Funds raised through the local Relay event have also gone to support initiatives with a direct local impact, such as the volunteer driver program.

"We have 22 volunteer drivers in the area who make themselves and their cars available to cancer patients for treatments," said Hobbs.

In the past year those drivers logged over 170,000 kilometres as they took 84 adults to their cancer treatment appointments.

Aggie Tose, chair of Haliburton County's Relay for Life, said she often gets questions from people about how the money raised is spent.

"One of the concerns is that we raise a bunch of money but it doesn't all stay in Haliburton County," said Tose. "We can't keep the \$1 million that we've raised because that needs to go to research."

Tose was happy with how this summer's event went, but said the committee hopes to make some changes for next year.

"We've got a proposal in [to the Canadian Cancer

Society]... we're looking at a couple of changes," she said. "Change is good and keeps everything fresh. My committee is really excited about doing some new things next year."

Tose said with changes to the 2013 event, she is hopeful that somewhere around \$200,000 will be raised by the community.

Although Haliburton County is the poorest county in the province and has a small population, Tose said the community spirit is what has made the event such a success financially.

"I think it's because we're so small and it's very tight-knit, and everyone knows someone or is a relative of someone [who has had cancer]."

Next year's Relay for Life is scheduled for June 14 on the track at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Teams can already register and begin fundraising by going to www.relayforlife.ca.

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Highlander arts

Painter back at full strength

By Mark Arike

Local artist David Alexander Risk came close to dying not once, not twice, but three times. So now each day when he wakes up, he makes sure to count his blessings.

"I haven't really had a major show in 10 years and that's basically because I almost passed away at least three times," said Risk at the Sept. 6 opening of *"The Living Forest Part II"* at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. "I was on the table once and they got the paddles out there a number of years ago. I'm sorry to say I never saw a light at the end of the tunnel, so I promised to be good after that."

After a series of tests, Risk said the doctors were unable to determine what was wrong with him.

"I started to have pains in my heart," he said. "The next thing I noticed is that I would get weak and faint, and I would actually hit the ground."

As someone who spends a lot of time in the outdoors, Risk always considered himself to be in good health.

"I've always been healthy. I've always been in the bush, I've always snowshoed, I've always been paddling and canoeing."

He was put on medication, which came with its share of side effects. The condition made his heart race and caused him severe pain.

Eventually his heart returned to its old self and he overcame the undiagnosed illness.

"I'm back paddling, back snowshoeing and I'm just enjoying the bush."

Risk said that while on a few of his trips into the bush, he was exposed to lightning storms. He threw out the possibility that a close encounter with this type of high voltage led to his sudden heart problems.

"One time I stood under this large pine [tree] and lightning hit above me and branches flew down. There was a blue light all around me."

As the artist-in-residence for the Haliburton Forest, Risk was approached by Peter Schleifenbaum one year ago and asked if he would be interested in putting out a sequel to the first edition of *The Living Forest* – a book which came out over 10 years ago.

"Peter came to me and said, 'how about working on the second book?' I said, 'Peter, basically I've just recovered. I don't know if I can paint again. I'm really, really scared.'"

Schleifenbaum convinced Risk to take the plunge and begin working on the project. The book, which is scheduled to come out around Christmas, is a continuation of his work of rigorous field studies of nature in watercolour and acrylic drawings and paintings at the Haliburton Forest.

Born and raised on a small farm north of Toronto, Risk took a liking to art from a very early age.

"I always loved to sketch and draw," he explained. "My mom and dad said I stood in the crib and I doodled all over the wall."

His parents bought him some crayons and moved his crib around their home, which eventually led to wall-to-wall murals. Risk struggled in some of his elementary school classes so his teachers advised him to focus on art.

As a youngster he also developed a bit of an obsession with wildlife.

"When I was eight years old, I had a pet wolf."

Other creatures he took in included snakes, grasshoppers, crickets and small birds.

"I always loved nature in a way that I wanted to do studies of it."

After finishing high school, Risk spent time traveling the world.

"I just worked from one place to the next. I'd get a job for a period of time, interact with the people, learn as much as I could and then move on."

Risk moved to Haliburton 33 years ago with his wife Sharon. That's when art became a part of their everyday lives.

"I had just started painting watercolours and we did our first limited edition print... and we opened a gallery on Main Street," he said. "Sharon and I were just kids. We didn't know what we were doing."

Much to Risk's surprise, all of the paintings he had put up in the Village Barn at that time sold within their first day.

"I turned to Sharon and said, 'what do we do now?'"

He continued to create more artwork and from there "it just started to progress."

The self-taught artist said he realized that he wanted to give back to others through his talents.

"I always thought it was so neat that art – the gift that I had been given through being able to paint and sketch – has been a vehicle to raise millions of dollars over the years,"



Photo by Mark Arike

Five-year-old Alexandra Levstek acts as David Alexander Risk's helper.

he said, adding that his work has helped raise over \$10 million for various charities and organizations.

"It's been such an honour to use artwork over the years to enrich peoples lives."

Risk reflected on his time spent working with youth and the significance of those experiences. Several years ago, he visited over 100 schools with his wife as part of a touring art show for young people.

"We said let's shoot for the biggest art show they've ever held for young people in North America – and that's what we did."

The pair travelled from Windsor to Ottawa and gave students art lessons in the classroom. Students were also given the

opportunity to work on large canvasses, which ended up being put on display at the Niagara Parks Commission.

Another highlight of Risk's career was being able to work with the late Ron Lawrence and his wife Sharon.

"Ron called me his surrogate son because I'd take off for a while and I'd come back. He was a great man and he imparted so much onto me."

Laurie Carmount, curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, said it was "a great honour to show David's work again after 10 years."

The opening concluded with Risk leading visitors around the gallery as he talked about his creations. The show ended on Sept. 8.

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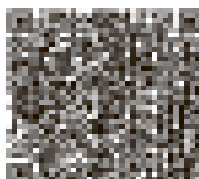
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Local artist Mary Anne Barkhouse's Reign of Chaos exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

AJG under the Reign of Chaos

Conflict and the environment are themes behind exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery

By George Farrell

"Mom, I want to ride one of the horses."

Those are not words one would expect to hear at an art gallery, but words to that effect are entirely possible at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery (AJG) in Minden, now that local artist Mary Anne Barkhouse has installed her four big steeds.

'Reign of Chaos,' the somewhat off-putting name for the exhibition, features four immaculately prepared horses of the type that until recently could be found in malls, usually outside supermarkets. You put in your quarter, sat young Betty or Billy astride, and a gentle rocking ensued.

Exactly the same experience can be had at the AJG. Kids will be mollified with the ride but adults are required to do some thinking, because the horses represent the horses ridden by the four horsemen of the apocalypse.

The apocalypse horses are the featured part of the four-element, equine-based exhibition.

"I was thinking of the cycles of political chaos that go through Ottawa," Barkhouse said of the inspiration behind the four horses. "I expanded on that notion and the paranoia in society but I had to give it a twist, an undercurrent, with humour."

Putting in your quarter and riding on one of the four horses of the apocalypse is dark humour indeed, and Barkhouse stokes it up a notch by revealing that all monies raised by riding the horses will go towards the Donkey

Sanctuary of Canada.

On the wall behind the four horses are banners that are to do with environmental issues unique to the Highlands, according to Barkhouse.

Also to be seen, in the room off the main gallery, are smaller, bronze -coloured horses, presented on plinths.

"They are modeled after toys," Barkhouse explained. "They represent human conflict, but with an added environmental message."

The message is depicted through images of ravens and vultures mixed in with war planes.

"The planes represent war birds and the ravens and vultures follow the hunt to devour the dead," said Barkhouse.

On a lighter note there is a third horse element; a wooden donkey on wheels.

"The fact that it is on wheels represents a hope for escape from the cycles of conflict," Barkhouse said.

The fourth element is a small exquisite book, made by Barkhouse.

"It reflects on the journey of the four horses of the apocalypse throughout history," she said.

Riding or merely observing shopping mall horses that represent political chaos and paranoia in society may not be everyone's idea of art, but the exhibition is certainly not boring and is food for thought.

"I hope people take away thoughts on better ways to resolve conflict with each other and with the environment," Barkhouse said.

Reign of Chaos/The Final Frontier will be on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden until Nov. 3. The opening reception and artist talk will take place Sept. 14 at 4:30 p.m.

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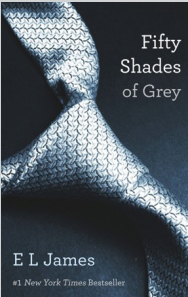
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Haliburton County's Hot Reads


The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

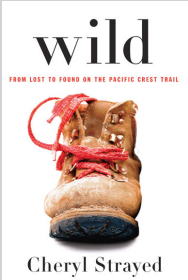
HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E.L. James
2. *Stray Bullets* by Robert Rotenberg 
3. *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn
4. *The Bride of New France* by Suzanne Desrochers 
5. *The Good Dream* by Donna VanLiere



HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed
2. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
3. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
4. *Thinking Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 



We have two new entries to our top five most popular fiction list and they are both historical fiction.

The Bride of New France by Canadian author Suzanne Desrochers sheds new light on an all but forgotten chapter in the history of Canada. In the late 17th century, groups of impoverished, often orphaned, young women, ironically dubbed the filles du roi, were sent from France to the colonies to become wives of the fur traders and soldiers already settled in the wilderness that was New France. This

novel tells the fictionalized story of one of these women.

The Good Dream by Donna VanLiere takes us back to 1950s Tennessee, where 30-something Ivorie is considered an "old-maid" by her rural community. When she discovers a feral boy has been living off of the vegetables in her garden, she feels compelled to get to the root of the mystery: who is this boy, where did he come from and how can she help him?

If you enjoy historical fiction these are two quite different choices and you can reserve them at any branch of the Haliburton County Public Library.

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Recruitment targets med students

By Lisa Harrison

On the “get ‘em while they’re young” theory, county council took the next step toward a formal medical student recruitment program at its Aug. 29 meeting.

Chief Administrative Officer Jim Wilson and Director of Human Resources Evelyn Fenwick were officially mandated to administer the Medical Student No Interest Loan for Return of Service Contract in consultation with the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team.

“Let’s get that process under way,” said Warden Murray Fearrey.

In July councillors heard a presentation from Jim Pine, CAO for Hastings County, on that region’s professional recruitment program.

Hastings stopped targeting established doctors and now offers loans to later-year family practice medical students subject to several conditions, including practice in the county for a specified length of time.

Pine said given high tuition costs, Hastings appears to have found the key to successful recruitment. And it’s not just targeting younger students – older students juggling families during second career studies appreciate the opportunity, too.

Highlands councillors agreed the county should develop a similar program.

Wilson said later the county had already set aside \$25,000 for each of two students in the 2012 budget.

“I don’t know, it’s hard to say,” he replied when asked if the funds could still be used this year.

Medical students are invited to consider practice in



Photo by Lisa Harrison

Medical students Marie-Claude Laplante and Elena Corry don headphones as pilot Paul Robinson prepares for their aerial tour of the Highlands. Photo was taken in May during Rural Medicine Week.

various communities during annual fall tours conducted by the Professional Association of Interns and Residents of Ontario (PAIRO).

Wilson said the county’s professional recruitment committee participates in the tours and so there might yet be an opportunity to use the funds. If not, the funds will be kept for 2013.

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Granite Cove undergoes finishing touches

By Matthew Desrosiers

It's been one year since work started on Granite Cove and the first owners are almost ready to move in.

The condominium building, located in the village of Haliburton, will be ready on Oct. 1 to receive its first resident.

"It's been a lovely project," said Rita Wiggins of Trophy Property Corp. "We've got lots of people who live on lakes in the area that are moving into our condo because it's perfect for the clients who are tired of looking after their property."

Wiggins said the younger generations will enjoy the building as well, but they've had interest primarily from the more mature crowd.

Peter Brady, also of Trophy Property Corp., said this project meets one of the community's needs.

"This type of housing doesn't exist [here]," he said. "The real underlying intent here is that those people, when they come out of their lakefront or in-town homes, they've been leaving the county. We're trying to keep them in the county because we're losing our friends and family members."

Brady said there are definite benefits to residents if they stay in the county as opposed to leaving to find more

manageable living arrangements in a city, including finding a physician in their new location.

The benefit for the county is that the community continues to grow.

Granite Cove has sold 28 of its 30 units. The developer will construct another building, called Granite View, which will contain 24 units.

"[That's] 54 new houses in town," Brady said. "There will be 54 existing houses that will be re-occupied with younger families, so the community grows. [We] keep the vibrancy and we move 54 families within walking distance of our shops."

"It's a real, valuable community benefit."

Brady said these developments are unique because they are not being marketed outside of the county, to the Greater Toronto Area, for example.

"Everybody is from Haliburton, or they're moving back to Haliburton having grown up here," he said.

"That's been a real surprise to me."

Work is expected to be complete on Granite Cove by Oct. 1. The plan is to move the crew from that project right over to the Granite View development.

Granite View will be a smaller, three-storey building, he said.

"We're trying something different," he



Photo submitted by Trophy Property Corp.

The view from a Granite Cove condominium overlooking Head Lake in Haliburton.

said. "We're trying to hit a lower price point."

Brady said the units are big, luxurious and plush. The prices range from \$199,999 to \$309,000, with the average

unit price being \$250,000.

Currently, just under half of the 24 units have been pre-sold. Brady is expecting several more within the week, after an information session held on Sept. 12.



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The Computer Guy Is my hard drive failing?



By David Spaxman

I've written a few columns on the consequences of your hard drive failing. This led to people asking me, "How can I tell if my hard drive is failing?"

Sometimes there are no early symptoms and it will just fail, especially if it has been zapped by a power surge or lightning strike.

But here are some signs you can watch for.

Your computer is slowing down, frequent freezes or blue screens of death. These are very unspecific signs that can be caused by a million different things. However, regardless of what the issue behind these symptoms is, it is recommended that you immediately make a backup.

If you're beginning to find files that fail to open and are corrupted even though they saved without errors or if files suddenly disappear, you should get worried. While again this could be due to a multitude of issues, it is also a typical sign for a gradual hard drive failure.

Bad sectors are areas of the hard drive that do not maintain data integrity. They are automatically masked by the operating system and thus hard to identify, especially if large amounts of the disk are currently in use. If you actually run into bad sectors, however, that certainly is a bad sign.

You can run a manual disk check to identify errors that Windows has not yet spotted. In Windows 7, go to Start > Computer and right-click on the disk or partition you wish to check. Select Properties, in the window that opens switch to the Tools tab and click Check now... In the Checking Disk window

place a checkmark next to *Automatically fix file system errors* and > *Scan and attempt recovery of bad sectors*.

You may get a message that Windows can't do a scan while the disk is in use and do you want to schedule a scan on the next reboot. Say yes and reboot the computer.

When you hear strange noises coming from your hard drive, it may be too late already. A repetitive sound also known as the click of death is caused by the head as it is trying to write data and recovers from errors in doing so. Grinding or screeching noises indicate that parts of the hardware, for example the bearings or spindle motor, are failing.

There are tools that aim to predict hard drive failure by reading the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) data that is recorded by the operating system. S.M.A.R.T. is notoriously unreliable in predicting hard drive failure and the catastrophe will often happen before the warning of S.M.A.R.T. kicks in.

Do not rely on signs or software to tell you whether you have a failing hard drive. It is more likely that it will fail unexpectedly and without any warning signs whatsoever. Rather than trying to forecast something that is even less predictable than the weather, you should rely on backups.

For questions or comments, e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy and safe computing!

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Have questions? Please contact Sarah Adams, Resource Development Coordinator, 705-457-0260, or sadamsywcahal@bellnet.ca.

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Highlander outdoors

Nature calls

Nature abounds here. Can we incorporate it into our landscape, or more to the point, will she (she being Mother Nature) condone our interference? Well, if we are considerate and honourable in our intentions, then yes, I think we can harmonize, complement and co-exist in this wonderful Haliburton County which we all share.

Well, what do we have to work with?

- Plant material such as trees, shrubs, grasses, lichen, ferns, moss, vines and weeds (yes, weeds)
- Funky feature objects such as old stumps, mossy logs, fence posts, farm machinery, bathtubs
- Rocks, boulders, stones, pebbles, outcroppings and bedrock

To successfully incorporate these types of found items into your plans you should ask yourself a couple of questions. First, will I do damage or cause serious disruption to an existing environment or to someone else's property? Second, if it's plant material which I am using, will its new home match its existing, i.e. for shade, exposure and moisture levels?

If you are comfortable with your answers to these questions, then carry on. Here are a few tips for successful integration into Mother Nature's sanctum.

Native trees and shrubs adapt to their immediate

natural environment by being wind resistant on the edge of a woodlot, or shade tolerant in the interior, or shallow rooted in a wet area, or deep rooted in sandy dry soils. Examine the conditions of the plant you wish to transplant in its current home and the one where you wish to move it. Try to match these conditions as best you can for best results. Always water transplants heavily for the first while during the time of new root growth. And finally, plants should be transplanted during periods of dormancy or low growth, not during times of rapid new growth.

Unlike nursery grown plants whose root systems are hardened off in pots and thereby can easily withstand the transplanting event, harvested plants require this extra care, especially with the root system. You can also prune a transplant to lessen the transpiration given off from the leaf surface, being careful not to spoil the natural shape.

When transplanting material from the wild, you must also consider the plant's character, and no, I'm not talking about personality traits or political views.

Plant character is the way the plant grows in relation to its environment. For instance, a tree from the forest interior has a vertical, upright stance inherent in its search for sunlight in a dark forested area. Is this what you want? Or do you want one that has a fuller, rounded shape? The same goes for shrubs and other lower

Landscape matters

growing plants.

When selecting material from the wild, use the same criteria as you would when shopping at the garden centre. Consider colour, shape and height. There isn't sufficient space in this column to list native plants here. Go online or go to the library or bookstore for assistance in your search.

One final word on plants. I mentioned weeds in the list of plants to consider. My definition of a weed (not necessarily shared by others) is a plant growing somewhere that it should not be. A potato growing in your rose garden is a weed, by definition.

If you want to use a so-called weed for your landscape because of its colour, shape or aroma, then use it, and voila, it's no longer a weed. Look at the variety of weeds when you drive around Haliburton and take in the bounty of colour provided by our weed friends. In my yard I have used weeds as landscape plants. I have transplanted grasses and wildflowers from one location in our property to another to take advantage of the colour and shape of the 'weed'. Try it!

Next time we will look at incorporating 'hard' elements such as rocks and funky stuff into the landscape. Should be fun.



By Terry Twine

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Highlander sports



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The 2012 HHSS field hockey teams, shown above, have started practices for the upcoming season. Expectations are high for both squads.

Coaches excited for HHSS field hockey season

By Warren Riley

The try-outs are over and practices have begun.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) Girls Red Hawk Field Hockey teams for 2012-2013 are 'Red Hot' and 'Smokin'.

HHSS coaches Caley Sisson and Steve Smith are impressed with this year's roster.

"I'm happy with the group of girls and athletes we have," Smith said. "We ended up losing three Varsity 'A' athletes through graduation last year but gained three promising girls to take their places. With a lot of hard work this will offset

any loss we had."

"We have a lot of Grade 9 students on the team this year and I'm confident they will blossom into superior field hockey players," Smith said. "We did a summer program this year from Grades 7 to 12 and a lot of the girls that were serious participated and now things are looking real good for us."

With approximately 30 to 35 girls on the field hockey teams, the practices are fast and furious.

"Keep your stick on the ground," Smith yells from across the field. "There's your opportunity. Shoot... Shoot the ball!"

Smith's expectation to win championships for the high school is the same every year.

"For us it's to win the Kawartha League West; for the Varsity 'A' it's to qualify and go on and become competitive at O.S.S.A and finally O.S.A.," he said.

Coach Sisson estimated between 65 and 70 female athletes will be participating in sports this year. Echoing Smith's sentiments, Sisson is excited about this year's female hockey teams. She said enthusiasm is high, and that it will be an exciting year for the girl's Red Hawks Field Hockey teams.

All equipment is provided for the teams. Sometimes students choose to purchase their own, higher quality, equipment. Also, if they want to keep their uniforms then they can purchase them as a team.

Athlete competes in triathlon for love of sport

Hockey player tests herself in physically demanding competition

By Warren Riley

Whatever happened to playing for the love of a game, the thrill and excitement of competing or just having the admiration and support of your family?

For many, these attributes seem to have been left out of the equation and thrown by the wayside. Not so for year-round visitor Julie Marquardt of Moore Falls, in Haliburton Highlands.

Marquardt's family interests leaned towards ice hockey during the cold season at the cottage. This not only became the norm for her, but also the impetus to expand into additional sport activities.

In her youth, Marquardt began showing a definite interest in athletics and sports. Spending summer and winter vacations at the family cottage helped solidify her desire for sports.

It was at a very young age that a precocious Marquardt decided hockey might be her niche.

"I started playing ringette at the age of four then ice hockey and water-skiing when I was five," she said. "Ever since, my parents have always been very supportive of me and that gave me the desire and courage to continue improving my skills."

"When I noticed there would be an August 'Get Your

Feet Wet' Triathlon in Stanhope County I decided to formally enter the competition," Marquardt said. "In preparation for the Triathlon, my dad rose bright and early every morning and helped me train for the upcoming events by giving me his inexhaustible support. Dad was also instrumental in working tirelessly on my bike and made it perform flawlessly."

"My dad and I have always worked together as a team and I am so grateful to him."

Marquardt was confident about her physical stamina. Concerns about completing the grueling swimming, biking and running events never entered her mind.

"I just wanted to compete for love of the competitive spirit," she said. "Winning an event would have been wonderful but that wasn't my intention. It just never crossed my mind."

Marquardt accomplished more than she had ever anticipated. She placed first in the T1+Bike+T2 Female 20-29 Division with an astounding time of 27:05. She had another first place finish in the Female Division 2.5-kilometre run beating her closest competitor by over 45 seconds with a time of 10:23. Marquardt was awarded first place winner in the Female Triathlon Division.

Still very active playing hockey as well as varsity lacrosse, Marquardt is pursuing a career as Registered Nurse.

"When I graduate next year, my goal is to return to Haliburton County and secure a nursing position as there is no place in the world I would rather live."



Photo by Warren Riley

Julie Marquardt wears her first place medal proudly after competing in the Stanhope Get Your Feet Wet triathlon.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST – CAMERA, Fuji X10, with pouch, important images on card. Reward paid for return. Lost Aug. 17 at Haliburton Forest. Call Joe 705-489-1011. (SE13)

LOST – Black cat, lost on the night of Thursday, Sept. 6 at Hunter Creek Estates (could have travelled). Very friendly, answers to Slater. Please call Sonya at 705-286-6379. (SE20)

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NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the Estate of Gary Merrill Bailey, late of the Township of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton, deceased, who died on or about the 23rd day of May, 2012, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of October, 2012, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim shall not then have notice.

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Estate auction, Sept. 22, 10 a.m. at Norm Mills Auction Centre, 1009 County Rd 21 at Highway 35 – Minden.

This is a clean short auction. Partial listing: eight-foot pine harvest table, 2'x4' oak student desk, marble vase (alabaster), five-string banjo, antique table, two-burner hot plate, kitchen table and four chairs, six-drawer cherry dresser, nesting tables, brown-fabric love seat and matching chesterfield bed, blue ¾ love seat chesterfield bed, four lovely oak shelving units/entertainment cabinets, Kenmore apartment-sized chest freezer, ¾ size fold-up bed, two glass top coffee tables, end tables, floor lamps, table lamps, grandfather clock, four kitchen chairs, 12-tray food dehydrator, meat slicer, Pentax SLR camera, dark room equipment, bee smoker, D28 STIHL chainsaw, weed wacker, Nobles commercial floor sander, assorted antique wood chairs and much more. For information or to list your item, call Norm Mills, auctioneer and appraiser. 705-754-0555. Note: Dress for weather.

OBITUARIES



In loving memory of Grant R. Rae

Grant Rae, long time resident of Haliburton, passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, September 8, 2012 with his loving family by his side, in his 75th year.

Beloved husband of Doreen for 52 years. Loving father to Mike (Alison) and Scott (Sue). Loving grandfather to Kirsten, Matt and John. Dear brother of Joan (Morley) Nicholson of Little Britain, predeceased by Mildred and Doreen. Son of the late Jack and Verna Rae.

Grant was a Haliburton Main Street figure with his hardware store located in the middle of town, his home and woodworking shop close by. Grant was friend/mentor/employee of Gary Burtch of G.J. Burtch Construction for many years as well as all the guys who worked in the shop (Ed, Scott and Scott).

Grant was an old car enthusiast and was often seen around town in one of his woody wagons at shows and events. He enjoyed trips to car shows and days up at the shop (ranch) with Doreen and family. Grant will be sadly missed by all he touched and gave advice to over the years.

Friends are invited to visit the family at St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain St., Haliburton on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. A Funeral Service will be held at the Church at 3:00 pm. Reception to follow in the church hall (downstairs). Cremation to follow.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHSF) "Palliative Care Suites" would be appreciated and can be arranged locally through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Deadline for resume submission is Friday September 14, 2012 4:30 pm.

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Presentations will include information on:

- Glebe Park Map
- Stewardship Plan
- Forest Management Plan
- Update on work completed by the Glebe Park Stakeholders on the Sculpture Forest, Nordic Trails, Snowshoe Trail, Snowmobile Trail, Mountain Bike Trails, Arboretum, Museum, College and more
- Work Plan
- Proposed Landscape Plan
- Plans for the future

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Participants take off from the starting line at the 2011 Minden Terry Fox Run.

Communities host Terry Fox Run

By Matthew Desrosiers

Who are you running for?

The Minden Terry Fox Run is this weekend on Sept. 16 at the Minden Arena.

Diane Peacock, chair of the Minden Terry Fox Run, said everyone is welcome to this non-competitive, family-friendly event.

"This is Minden's 19th run and this community has raised over \$185,000," she wrote in an e-mail.

According to Peacock, 84 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to cancer research.

There are no minimum pledges required to participate in the run. This year, 14 people have registered who are cancer survivors or who are currently fighting the disease.

The event begins at 9 a.m. with registration at the Minden Arena. The run begins at 9:30 a.m.

Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. there will be a silent auction,

where numerous items will be available including autographed packages from Cody Hodgson and an autographed picture of Kurt Browning.

At 1:30 p.m. there will be a draw for an Ottawa Senators autographed team jersey.

The event also includes a BBQ, and musical entertainment by The Country String Dusters.

For more information on the run, visit the facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/109937815721610/.

Also on Sept. 16 is the Haliburton Terry Fox Run, from noon until 3 p.m. The run will start at the town dock. Participants can complete one or two laps of Head Lake, either walking, running or cycling.

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